

# Elections Begin With Campaigns

The posters are up, the campaign slogans are in the air and Valley's Associated Student Body elections have once more begun.

This semester a total of 18 executive positions are available. Only two of the 18 positions available are being contested. They are Student Body president and Student Body vice-president. Because no one has filed for the positions of recording secretary and treasurer, the jobs will be appointed next September.

According to William E. Lewis, dean of students, one of the reasons for the lack of student interest is that in the spring semester enrollment drops considerably because of student transfer. In order to combat this, Lewis urged students to take a more active role in student government. With a student body of over 17,000, Dean Lewis went on to say there should be many more contested positions.

The hottest race of the election will undoubtedly be the presidential race. Three students are competing for position of student body head. They are Rochelle Rosenthal, Ron Cukerstein and Frank Carpenter.

The first of the candidates Miss Rosenthal, a fourth semester political science major, is currently A.S. treasurer. Last semester she served as AWS president, was a member of TAE-Les Savants and served as editor of their newspaper, Tailspins. She has been a member of the Executive Council for three semesters, was Commissioner of Campus Improvement, was representative to IOC for two semesters and was captain of the debate team.

If elected Miss Rosenthal said, "I

would strive to get more people involved in student government and student life. Also I feel that stronger communications should be established between our college community and the community of which we are a part."

Vying with Miss Rosenthal for A.S.

president is Ron Cukerstein. "Cookie"

Cukerstein is currently a member of the A.S. Supreme Court. He has

served as president of VABS, a

member of TAE and Knights, hon-

orary men's service organization, and

served as chairman of the election

code revision committee. Cukerstein

also received the outstanding council

service award. In stating his hopes

for the Executive Council, Cukerstein

said, "There is a great need to unify

the various student factions through

strong leadership on the council."

The third presidential candidate is

Frank Carpenter. Carpenter has

served as A.S. treasurer, he has been

president of VABS, has received the

IOC Leadership Award, is a member

of Knights and Scabo-Ritus and is

currently serving as A.S. parlia-

mentarian.

Contending for the position of A.S.

vice-president are Stan Hill and Mike

Burge. Hill, presently the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, is a mem-

ber of the Executive Council, Knights

and the Veterans Club. He was also a

delegate to the spring State Student

Government Convention. If elected,

Hill stated, "I hope to give IOC the

leadership it needs through a coor-

dinating council, where the clubs

work together to strengthen each

other and the school."

Mike Burge, the second vice-presi-

tential candidate has served for two

semesters on IOC. He has served as

Freshman Class vice-president and

has been a member of Executive

Council and has been AMS parlia-

mentarian, and is currently commis-

sioner of campus improvements. He

has also been a representative to two

Associated Men Conferences. Burge is

also an active member of Knights and

Scabo-Ritus.

Others seeking executive positions

include Karen Alberts, correspond-

ing secretary; John Thomas, Associa-

ted Men Students president; Kathy

Gore, Associated Women Students

president; Keith Kintner, commis-

sioner of social activities; Richard

Lapidus, commissioner of elections;

Lydia Rhodes, commissioner of public

relations; Synda Sekac, commissioner

of scholastic activities; Barbara

O'Conner, commissioner of fine arts;

Ron Dusks, commissioner of evening

division; Les Goldman, commissioner

of men's activities; Robyn Nixon,

commissioner of women's athletics;

Vince Vitale, commissioner of cam-

pus improvements; and Linda Miller,

commissioner of records.

## Greater Freedom for Policemen Questioned at Quadwranglers

The national debate topic, Resolved: That Law Enforcement Agencies Should Be Given Greater Freedom in the Investigation and Prosecution of Crime, will be discussed by two Valley students this morning at 11 in the Quadwrangler presentation.

Using a modified Lincoln-Douglas debate style, Larry Klein, Associated Men Students president, and Roy Schauben, AMS vice-president, will cross-examine each other and save time for questions from the Quad audience.

Klein will support greater freedom while Schauben disagrees.

**Recent Decisions**

Stemming from recent decisions of the Supreme Court regarding search and seizure and legal advice, the debate "has had billions of words spoken about it," said John Buchanan, assistant professor of speech and Quadwrangler director.

Last week six men locally involved with alcoholic beverages discussed the relationship between college students and liquor.

Local newspaperman Frank Kaplan noted the main traffic accidents occur with the average man who takes a drink for the road. He told the Quad group that two cocktails impair a good driver's ability approximately 41.8 per cent. The Van Nuys News reporter noted that of the 250-275 so-called drunk drivers arraigned in the Valley each month, several are under 21.

**Adds Statistics**

Also contributing statistics about driving and drinking were Morris Fox and Harold English, both from the

## College News Briefs

### 'Richard III' Here Monday

William Shakespeare's "Richard III" will be shown Monday at 8:30 p.m. in the College Theater as the fifth film in the college's Athenaeum Museum Film Series. The color movie, originally produced for television and later released to motion picture theaters, stars Sir Laurence Olivier. The history of an evil king, "Richard III" has been nationally critically acclaimed. Admission to the performance is free and open to the public.

### School Commissioner Sought

With the sudden resignation of the school's commissioner of public relations, any student carrying 10 units and having a 2.0 grade average may apply for this position to be filled by noon today. As commissioner, the student will be responsible for all on-campus advertising activities. Anyone wishing to apply should contact Associated Student Body President Ned Sutro in B26 before the noon deadline.

### Roundtable To Discuss Strike

The grape strike in Delano will be discussed at the Student-Faculty Roundtable tomorrow noon in the Banquet Room of the Cafeteria. Samuel Mayo, instructor of history, will lead the discussion. Students and faculty members are invited to bring their lunches and join the program.

### PCC Deadline Set

Deadline for the Pasadena City College Pep Convention, to be held Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., is tomorrow at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in cheerleading, baton twirling, flag twirling, or being a songleader may sign up in B25 or leave their name and phone number. The convention is free and food will be served.

of legal drinking is not uniform among the states." But to control alcoholism among the younger set, Fox suggested "sound education, not prohibition."

However, Alan Wilkins from the L.A. County Probation Department, disagreed. He said, "The drinker needs individual help to control his drinking and undesirable behavior." Wilkins also noted that the department is now experimenting with group counseling with beneficial results.

**'Understand'**

Edward Thompson, Latter Day Saints Institute of Religion representative, presented another argument. He said, "If they understand what alcohol is, they will stay away from it. Educated people recognize the wrong of liquor and the fact that alcohol cannot offer much to life."

Speaking from the Salvation Army Men's Social Center, Rev. John Dan emphasized the other side. He said, "It is not the alcohol that is the problem, it's the person." Rev. Mr. Dan believes that most people face the same problems, but the alcoholic turns to liquor for a solution. He added that there are five male alcoholics to every one female alcoholic.

Acting as master of ceremonies for this event will be Don Wilkins, commissioner of scholastic activities.

The reception line will include the Rev. Mr. Jones; William J. McNeils, college president; Dr. Stewart Marsh, dean of instruction; Dr. Aura-Lee Agerton, scholastic awards program secretary; and Ned Sutro, Associated Students president.

### Plasma Seminar Slated Today

A Physics Seminar on the recently developing area of "Magnetohydrodynamics" will be conducted today at 11 a.m. in P101.

Guest lecturer will be Dr. Michael A. Lutz, research physicist at Hughes Research Laboratories and an instructor at UCLA.

The lecture field concerns plasma, the fourth state of matter, which consists of a gas composed of electrically charged ions.

Use of these electrical properties is partly responsible in the attempt to control the fusion process. Such energies are greater than the nuclear fusion now available.

Dr. Lutz earned his B.A. degree in physics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1961. At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he was granted a research assistantship until 1965, when he achieved his doctorate.

In this capacity of research assistant, he performed both experimental and theoretical work in the field of non-equilibrium plasmas.

### VETERANS BILL

Applications for the Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act of 1966 (the Cold War Bill) will be available Monday for all interested veterans. All veterans taking advantage of the Bill are urged to pick up their applications from Mrs. Pfueger, veterans secretary, in the Placement Bureau from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

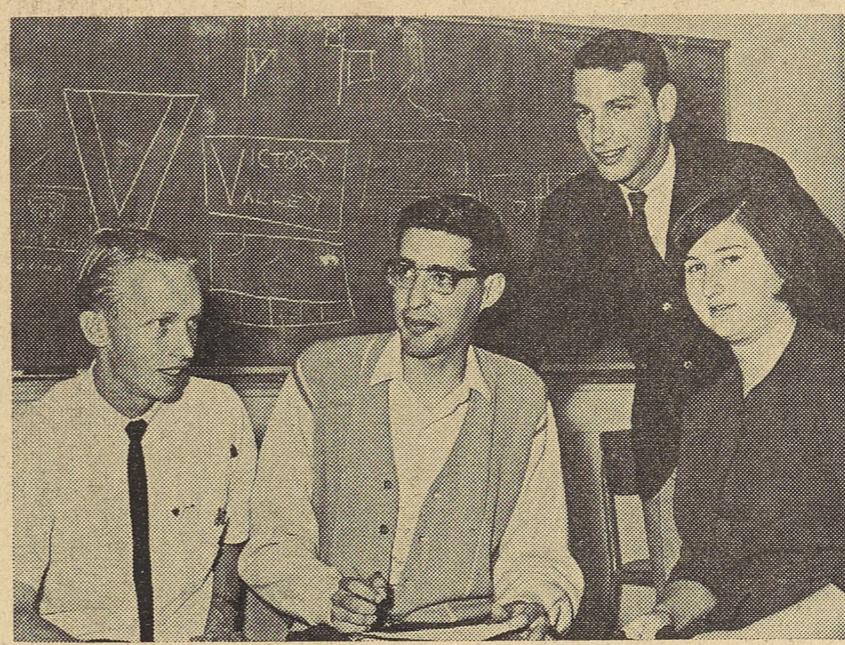
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**PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS**—Discussing duties of the Associated Students president are (left to right) Frank Carpenter, A.S. parliamentarian; Ned Sutro, A.S. president; Ron Cukerstein, former Election Code Committee chairman; and Rochelle Rosenthal, A.S. treasurer. Sutro is explaining to this semester's candidates for next semester's presidency hardships involved in campaigning and in the office.

## Probation Lifted for AMS Involved in Gavel Carving

By LEE SLOAN  
City Editor

Disciplinary probation cited against 16 members of Associated Men Students for defacing a Pierce

College gavel was revoked Monday.

Students indicated the memo sent out during the Spring semester break met with William Lewis, dean of students. Samuel Alexander, assistant dean of student activities, to discuss the two-week probation.

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## STAR EDITORIALS

# School Spirit Now Carved In Infamy

In an attempt to promote rivalry between the two colleges, several members of the Valley Associated Men Students "borrowed" a \$190 gavel from Pierce College March 23 to be returned during the Pierce-Valley sports night scheduled for Friday.

The act of acquiring the gavel did not in itself surpass the boundaries of a harmless prank. But while in the hands of Valley student leaders the gavel, personal property of the Pierce dean of students, was disfigured by carving LAVC into the face.

The gavel has now been refinished and returned at more than monetary expense to AMS. The friendly rivalry that exists between Pierce and Valley has been threatened and is now in danger of being replaced by acts of revenge.

The Star suggests that constructive, rather than destructive, activities be instigated by student leaders to stimulate spirit.

The program should include the continuation of athletic competition and sports nights, and the addition of cooperative art

shows, concerts and community projects.

In this plan to build spirit, talents of the Theater Arts Department should not be ignored. A presentation of a burlesque on life at Pierce College could be an effective center around which to build a rally during the week of the Pierce-Valley football game.

During the Mental Health Association fund drive next month, Pierce should be challenged to collect more than Valley. However, this could be dangerous. Pierce has surpassed our former efforts along this line.

The next blood drive would be an advantageous time to once-and-for-all settle the question of whether farmers or scholars have more blood; red or otherwise.

Whatever the activity, planned or otherwise, it should be responsible, reasonable, in the best traditions of friendly college rivalry and based on the knowledge that anything done as an individual reflects directly upon Valley College as a whole.

—LORENE CAMPBELL

# Money Is Needed, Method Is Not

The "Property Tax Relief and School Improvement Act of 1966" is currently before the California State Assembly and if passed there will go on to the Senate for approval before going to Governor Edmund G. Brown for final approval.

Introduced to the Assembly by House Speaker Jesse M. Unruh, the bill provides for a \$360,000,000 annual increase in state school assistance to be supplied by a one per cent increase in the state sales and use tax. With the addition of the sales tax, the money will be applied toward the reduction of local school district property tax rates. The reductions in property tax rates would vary with the wealth of each school district in the state, but the state wide average would be 25 per cent.

What this means in understandable terms is that Unruh proposes to raise the state sales tax to five cents on the dollar and lower individual property taxes. There

would be a number of increased educational advantages with this bill, but the people who could least afford the new sales tax would be paying as much as the people who could most afford it.

Indeed the money would a most opportune advantage for California's state educational system. The bill provides for a number of direct expenditures toward elementary and high school districts. Junior colleges would also benefit from this new income.

The money Unruh's bill proposes to bring in is worthwhile. The method of taxation is not. All people, regardless of income have to buy certain items carrying the sales tax.

A more practical method of increasing state income for education would be a slight increase on the state graduate income tax, allowing individuals to more realistically pay what they can afford.

—NEIL LEIBOWITZ

# It's Time Voters Elected President

Our forefathers established the method of selecting the President of the United States on the principle that simple communication between communities was impossible.

It would take weeks, even months, for news to reach one part of the country to the next. For this reason and because there was a lack of informed voters the electoral college system was adopted so that a select few delegates could decide, on behalf of the whole country, who was to be the next President of the United States.

We are presently living in the 20th-century. Communication between people has been extended not simply from town to town but from one end of the globe to the other in a matter of a few seconds. Still we use this archaic system of electing a President who is to lead 185 million people.

The electoral college system is an insult to the intelligence of the American people. The people of the United States have been

come well informed through the local and national medias of television, radio and the newspaper. The people know the issues of the day as never before in the history of the United States.

Now is the time for a change. Now is the time for a uniform voting system that will make a more democratic method of selecting the president of these United States.

We should throw away this outdated method of voting and let each vote for the president be counted. The election of the president should be based solely on popular vote with a uniform voting age for all the states. Kentucky and Georgia let 18-year-olds vote for the President, while Hawaii allows 20 year-olds to vote. Within their own states and on local issues this is a state right in deciding voting requirements. But in voting for the president, which is a federal issue, voting requirements should be based on federal law.

—MIKE POLLOCK

## PAW PRINTS



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# Springtime, Elections and Remember the South

By BRAD RITTER  
Managing Editor

Signs that spring is here are becoming more evident all the time. That is, spring of an election year, because the signs are declaring the merit of this candidate or that. And this election season offers an extra added attraction, for the American public will start seeing some results, or surging civil rights this country's movement.

While the impact of more vote-conscious Negroes will be felt in many U.S. cities, it will be felt most in the South. It is becoming increasingly important, also, that citizens all over the country watch what is happening in the South due to Negro emigration from the area.

FOR INSTANCE, some 680,000 Negroes have left Mississippi since 1940, and it is expected that 120,000 more will leave the state by 1970. Negroes made up 50 per cent of the state's population in 1940, while the figure should be 39 per cent by 1970 and 33 per cent by 1980.

The Negro is definitely gaining ground politically. There will be 60 Negroes' names on the ballot for Alabama's Democratic primary next month. Five of the Negroes running for local offices of legislative posts are from Wilcox County in the heart of Alabama's Black Belt.

LITTLE MORE than a year ago, not one Negro was registered to vote in Wilcox. Last year Dr. Martin Lu-

ther King brought the civil rights movement to that county, and today Negroes outnumber Caucasians three to two on the registration list.

White office-holders are going to have to start listening to the Southern Negroes, who have gained the kind of power politicians must pay attention to. A civil rights spokesman this week predicted Negroes will vote 100 per cent against Selma's Jim Clark, which could mean his removal from the office of sheriff.

When Clark threw hundreds of Negroes in jail, often violently, last year during the voter registration struggle in Selma, only a few hundred of them were registering to vote. This year, those thrown in jail are among the 10,500 Negroes, just 1,400 less than the number of white voters, who will be casting ballots.

HOWEVER, POLITICAL gains are still merely getting a start, and political gain is just the start of total equality for the Negro. The frustrations of economic and social deprivation, which are faced by those in the black ghettos of our cities as well as by Southern Negroes, will be harder

to crack than the voter registration books.

Education is the key to this problem. The progress of programs in Watts schools, such as those at Russell Avenue Elementary School as reported in recent issues of the Star, is merely in beginning stages, but is still much more impressive than progress in the South's segregated schools.

Money allotted to students by Mississippi counties is even more shocking. For example, Yazoo County spent \$245.55 per white student in 1961, but allowed \$2.92 per Negro child.

Because of this kind of allotment, federal funds need to be distributed by federal agencies. Obviously, more federal funds are also needed; federal because these poorly educated and trained Negroes are moving to all cities.

# Wholly Televised Teaching, Batman! When Are We Supposed to Relax?

By RACHEL ARNO  
Ass't Managing Editor

In today's modern world, as fascinating and thrilling as it can be, the same questions always seem to pop up concerning education, how to increase ones intelligence and the "said" results of certain television programs.

All around people, almost from the moment of birth, they are surrounded by pressures. Children are no longer allowed to be, or even thought of as children. When a few months old, they are called infants. But from the time they are three years old, they are tabbed with "pre" something-or-other. They are called pre-schoolers, then pre-teens and so forth.

WHEN A YOUNGSTER of 13 or 14 doesn't conform to the pressure placed upon him, his parents scowl and say, "Why don't you act your age? What is their age? After all, 14 doesn't make a child an old man or woman. They're young and why shouldn't they be allowed to act young?

In school too much emphasis is placed on "If you don't get good grades you'll not get to college, and you know that the smaller the education the smaller the job." With this in mind he is pressured into cheating for grades rather than studying. All that they ever hear in study, grow up and start taking responsibility.

SO HE COMES home and finds a little relief from the hullabaloo of life in watching "Batman," "Lost in Space" and "Man from U.N.C.L.E." Are these programs really degrading the children's intelligence? Is it such a crime to sit down to watch something without looking for the deep philosophical meanings? The majority of people don't want to come home to rack their brains—they're tired, they want to relax, put their feet up and try to forget.

Forget what? Just about everything. They want to laugh, for laughing is a form of release just as crying—people seem to cry too much these days. So, for a few short hours, they become involved in a farce, a detective story, or a soap-opera type program such as "Peyton Place."

ARE THESE shows really so de-

parents had their equivalents in their own time. One of their terrible movie shows, as there wasn't television, was the "Perils of Pauline." She was always in some kind of a mess, and talk about cliff hangers! She was "Superman" and "Batman" rolled up into one. And what about their nightly bedtime stories? If you are in doubt as to the scary literature of time, read some of Grimm's Fairy Tales.

SO FOR THE young children who don't "act their age," the tired business men, the confused students, the weary housewives who are degrading their intelligence with TV, and most of all the "deep thinkers" who feel TV is degrading to the intelligence, I leave you with this: a psychiatrist recently visited a mental patient who had a sign over his bed stating simply—"Let's block out reality." He doesn't sound too crazy to some; for if ignorance is bliss, then to be knowledgeable must be hell!

## VALLEY FORGE

# Letter Grades Hinder Learning

By STEVE ROWLAND  
Editor

(First of a two-part series on the Pass-fail system of grading.)

Traditional letter grades are a stigma in our contemporary educational system. Opposed to the outworn concept of purely ranking of a worth according to grades is a recently popularized concept of pass or fail.

Students fortunate enough to participate in classes offering a pass or fail system of grading are given an opportunity to enjoy the pleasure of gaining an education rather than struggling for grades primarily.

ACCORDING TO FREDERICK MACHENTANZ, coordinator of records, the pass-fail system is a revolutionary concept in education. "It allows the instructor more time to teach, relieving him of the time-consuming job of devising and grading tests. It allows the student to pursue and explore a subject matter for the pure enjoyment of learning.

At the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, L. W. Jones, dean of admissions, explained that the pass-fail system has been in ef-

fect there for some time in the freshman year.

He said, "The new student is given the chance to settle down to collegiate work without the pressures of grades. As a result more freshmen under this new grading technique have achieved and performed in more honors work than in the history of the university."

STUDENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE of more optional work, and they have demonstrated a real desire in their search for knowledge without the annoying feeling of facing another "future determining" examination. Students who take advantage of the system explore further and gain a more comprehensive knowledge of subject matter when they aren't faced with the constant pressures grades.

The new system's advantages over the letter grading is almost innumerable; however, the problems confronting the new method are enough to keep the pass-fail system from flourishing in many colleges and universities. Many institutions recognize the importance of alleviating the pressures from learning, but the problem of transferring to other colleges and of measuring a student's ability for a possible position in a professional field has to be solved before the new system will become widely acceptable.

The pass-fail system is currently a trend in education and destined to become an established tradition.

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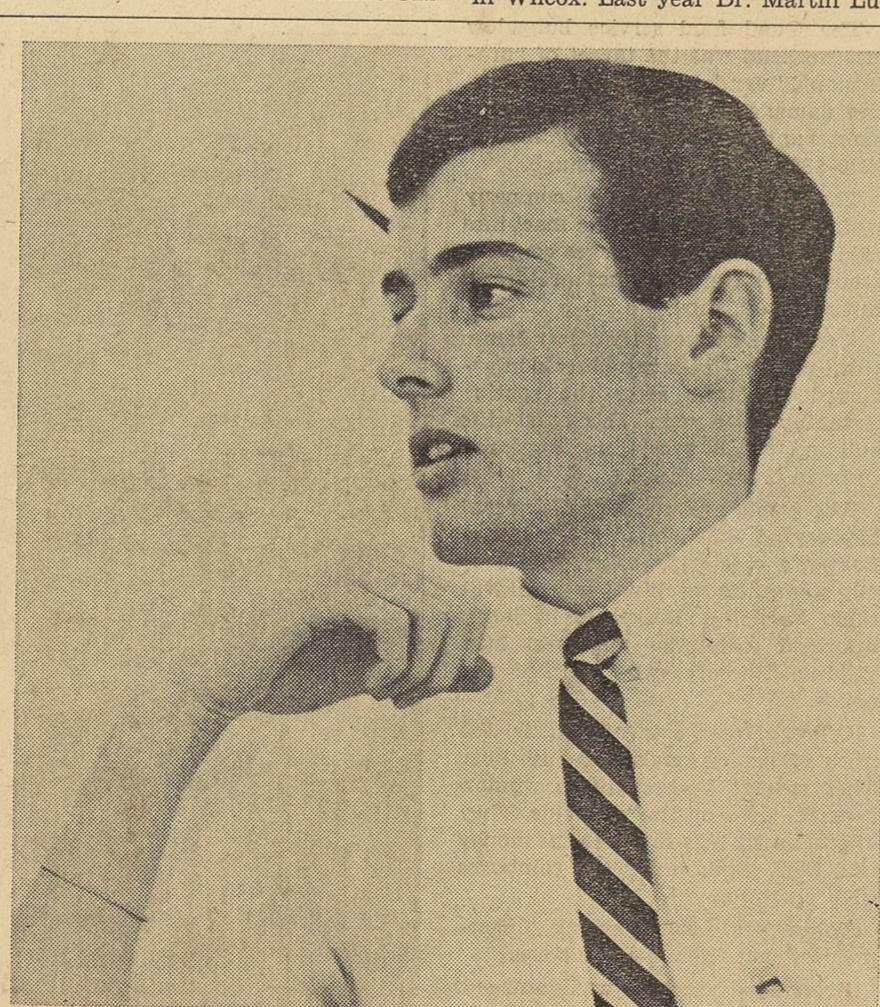
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**SECOND IN LINE**—A.S. Vice President Lydia Broder is proving this semester there is a place for women in politics. She is number two in the chain of command, backing up Ned Sutro, president. Miss Broder's office also makes her chairman of the Inter-Organization Council.

**TO IMPROVE CAMPUS**—Mike Burge, commissioner of campus improvement, interprets his office as including more than physical improvement. Besides initiating a move to obtain more benches for the campus, he has started action to have the Library open on Saturdays.

—Valley Star Photos

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# Huskies Winners in Thespian Festival

By DAN EHRLICH

Staff Writer

Competing in Valley College's fifth annual High School One-Act Play Festival 23-April 1, the Huskies were able to win three first place awards plus the special perpetual tournament cup.

Ending the festival was the most successful competition turnout in the event's history. Two thousand entrants and spectators from 50 high schools throughout the Southern California area were present on the Valley College campus to take part in the week-long competition.

## Presented 'Gymnasium'

In order to win so many awards, North Hollywood had to place first in its preliminary competition which then entitled these high school thespians to compete in the finals along with winners of other preliminary competitions.

North Hollywood had as its entrant a selection by the Jewish playwright Sholem Aleichem entitled "Gymnasium."

In addition to winning a first place award in their preliminary performance, North Hollywood went on to take top honors in the finals. For this accomplishment, they were awarded a permanent trophy as well as the privilege of holding the festival perpetual trophy for a year.

If North Hollywood should win the trophy for three out of five years, they will be able to keep the award permanently. This was the case with last year's winner, Fairfax, who also had won two straight years before.

## Individual Awards

Individually, the Huskies' Abby Farrar won the award for the best actress while Hollywood High's Joseph Culliton took best actor honors. Best supporting actress went to Ste-

phanie Shayne of Cleveland High School and Hollywood repeated by taking best supporting actor with the talents of Riley Savers.

According to Robert Rivera, associate professor of theater arts and speech, judging between the top four schools was difficult due to the narrow margin that separated their quality.

Right behind North Hollywood in second place was Hollywood High. As their performance, Hollywood presented a cutting from the "Hasty Heart" by John Patrick.

"The Trysting Place" by Booth Tarkington was the play that Burbank High presented in which it placed third. Edward Albee's play, "The American Dream" was the presentation of fourth place Cleveland High.

Individual awards were presented to winners in both preliminary and finals competition.

## Valley Host

Valley's Theater Arts Department, which acted as festival hosts and also supplied guides for the visiting delegates, presented in between competitions, several vaudeville style cameos to amuse the audiences.

Judging for the festival was done by several professional representatives from the screen and television industry, including Richard Simmons, TV's Sergeant Preston of the Northwest Mounted Police.

Clubs

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were Inter-Organization Council,

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More than 500 cans and packages of food staples were collected in the "Help Our Own—Some Are Hungry" drive held here the last week in March.

The food was distributed among

impoverished families in the San

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# Thinclads Hit Road In Comeback Try

Still hoping for a share of the Metropolitan Conference crown, the Valley College track and field aggregation travel to East Los Angeles College for a meet that may well be the calm before the storm.

Should the Monarchs slip by the Huskies, which seems likely, the stage would be set for next week's encounter with Bakersfield.

After last week's narrow loss to Cerritos, Valley would need a win over the powerful Renegades, which seems unlikely, to nab a part of the title.

East Los Angeles after a surprising upset of Long Beach earlier in the season, has since suffered numerous injuries to key personnel, and doesn't figure to give the Monarchs much trouble.

## Individual Duels

Valley figures to win the meet on its superior depth, however, the Huskies should threaten for a good share of the first place honors, with many fine individual duels expected to develop.

Tightest events of the day should be the sprints when Valley's Richard Cribbs (9.7) and Greg Tropea (9.8) meet East Los Angeles' Charles Robinson (9.7) and Eugene Jefferson

(9.8) in what should be a blanket finish in the 100-yard dash.

The Huskies' top sprinter, Julius Wheeler, underwent an operation during Easter vacation and isn't expected to return this season.

## Tough Furlong

In the 220-yard event, Valley will send Cribbs (21.9) and Tropea (22.0) against the Huskies' William Jackson (21.8) and Robinson (22.0), with a good clocking necessary to win it.

Jackson, Robinson and Jefferson will team with Glen Mathis to give the Huskies a good challenge to Valley's 440-yard relay team of Cribbs, Tropea, Craig Newman and Phil Mundy, who have yet to taste defeat this year in dual meet action.

In the quarter mile, Valley will send Ron Couser and Dennis Parkhurst against Elac John Nickols, with all three runners clocking under 50 seconds flat this season.

## 880 Tight Too

The half-mile run also appears tight, with Huskie Jose Avila and Valley's Pete Haggard and Frank Tepper all pushing 1:55 in that event.

In the field events, the long jump looks like the event to watch, with Valley's Long John Robinson (23-8) and Newman (23-1/4) matching leaps with Elac jumpers Joe Somerville (23-6 1/2) and Hobart Smith (22-8).

In the pole vault, even though the Huskies lost Steve Doman, they still have Mike Sprague (14-6) to give Valley's team some good competition.

Valley should pretty well have its way in most of the other events, with only the mile relay liable to be close.

The Huskies team of Mathis, Nickols, Art Uranga and Dennis Tuckosh could push Valley's team, but have yet to put in a good performance to match the Monarch's swift quartet.

Dope sheet and standings:

ELA dope sheet:  
100—Cribbs (V), Jefferson (ELA), Robinson (ELA).  
220—Jefferson (ELA), Cribbs (V), Mathis (ELA).  
440—Couser (V), Mathis (ELA), Parkhurst (V).  
880—Nickols (ELA), Tepper (V), Beams (V).  
Mile—Haggard (V), Tuckosh (ELA), Darby (ELA).  
Two-Mile—Santa Cruz (V), Perez (ELA).  
120 Highs—McFarlin (V), Hunter (V), Sanders (ELA).  
320 Int.—Hickman (V), Hunter (ELA), Hunt (ELA).  
Shot Put—Ziebaek (V), Snoddy (ELA), Markey (V).  
Discus—Ziebaek (V), Weland (ELA), Markey (V).  
Pole Vault—Tie for first among Sprague (ELA), Plesh (V), and Harris (V).  
High Jump—Robinson (V), Somerville (ELA), Newman (V).  
Triple Jump—Robinson (V), Somerville (ELA), Newman (V).  
440 Relay—East Los Angeles.  
Mile Relay—Valley.  
Predicted score—Valley 78, East Los Angeles 49.

# Six Gymnasts Grab Firsts At Cerritos

Touches of the fools spirit were displayed April 1 when six of Valley's unheralded gymnasts captured first places to lead the Monarchs to a 91-57 conquest over Cerritos.

Leading the onslaught of strange happenings was Ron Riach, freshman from Hollywood High School, who painted into the Cerritos gym at 3:46, changed into his uniform, and recorded a first on his parallel bar specialty by 3:52. Riach's previous best was a tie for third place against El Camino.

Surpassing Riach's epic effort may have been Doug Washburn, noted trampoline artist, who competed on the rings event for the first time since 1963 and recorded a first for his initial appearance.

Turning in one of the highest point totals of the afternoon was Dale Ma, among the newcomers to the "win set," with 17.4 performance on the side horse.

Other performances in the meet were generally of a lower caliber as Valley went against the conference's cellar school with the intent of qualifying as many gymnasts as possible for the conference meet May 6 rather than going after a high point total.

Coach Ray Follosco succeeded in his mission as he placed 18 performers in the top three spots while qualifying three men for the finals meet.

Taking firsts for the first time in respective events were Dave Lambe, rope; Rich Talavera, all-around; and Pat Conner, trampoline.

Gymnastics becomes the most popular sport in Valley College spring activity today, as Coach Maria Sastre inaugurates the 1966 girls' season by sending her 10-unit team against the San Fernando Valley State girls' team in the Monarch gym.

Coach Follosco's inspired men's squad will also compete on the same floor as the Lion gymnasts seek their fourth consecutive conference victory, taking on the Bakersfield Renegades.

Both meets are scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

Cerritos summary:

Long Horse—Gluskerot (C), 35.3; Uptraft (V), Talavera (V), Powers (C), Connolly (V). Roy Chinn—Lambertson (C), 4.4; Washburn (V), Gonzales (C), Patterson (C), Walters (C). Trampolines—Conners (V), McCann (C), Talavera (V), Patterson (C). Highs—Epstein—McCann (C), Connolly (V), Schmidt (V), Tendrock (C). Horizontal Bar—Patterson (C), Uptraft (V), Talavera (V). Parallel Bars—Riach (V), Talavera (V), Uptraft (V), McCann (C), Patterson (C). Rings—Washburn (V), Connolly (V), Patterson (C).

**DANNY McFARLIN**  
"The man who wasn't there"

By SY ORNSTEIN  
Staff Writer

A funny thing happened to Danny McFarlin a few weeks ago. Nobody noticed him. Now that might not be too bad for some people, say Al Capone or Richard Kimball, but, for McFarlin who works out

five days a week to improve on his hurdle times, it's sort of a thankless thing to happen, to say the least. As a matter of fact, his sudden call to obscurity cost Valley a track meet with Cerritos.

No matter what Danny did no one seemed to notice him. He ran to a second place against the Falcons in the 120-yard high hurdles only to be completely ignored by the Cerritos officials.

Monarch teammate Mike McGinty was awarded second place in that race. Now you say that isn't so bad because a Valley

runner did get the second place points. But, Danny wasn't even awarded third place. Instead, the Falcon's Roger Burkland was given the third place nod.

Had Danny been seen, the Monarchs would have tied the meet, not lost it 67-69.

The best was yet to come. At the finish of the 330-yard intermediate hurdles the Cerritos judges, not to be outdone by their perversity, once again neglected to see Danny cross the finish line.

This time "the man who wasn't there," as Assistant Coach Nick Giovinazzo so aptly named him, took a clean third place. At least it was obvious to anyone who was watching the race. But tradition stuck and Falcon Steve Hale was given the third place.

It was at this juncture that Head Coach George Ker began to froth at the mouth. And why not? This obvious inability to judge the finish of races on the part of the Cerritos officials had cost Valley the dual meet win, and for all intents and purposes, the conference championship.

This is not to take anything away from the Cerritos athletes themselves. If any one team "deserved" to win the meet it was Cerritos. They came through in events as no one expected them to, not even themselves. The whole point is that even if they were up for Valley, deserving or not, they still shouldn't have won the meet.

Next time Valley is at Cerritos the Monarchs should wear cow bells around their necks. If the Cerritos officials can't see maybe they can hear.

## Sports Menu

Thurs., April 14  
Gymnastics—Bakersfield at Valley 3:30  
Volleyball—Junior College tournament at Orange Coast 7:30

Fri., April 15  
Golf—Palomar at Encino CC 1 p.m.  
Baseball—Long Beach at Long Beach 2:30  
Tennis—East Los Angeles at East Los Angeles 2:30  
Track—East Los Angeles at East Los Angeles 3:30

Swimming—Cerritos at San Fernando Valley State College 3:30  
Volleyball—Far Western at Oakland 9 a.m.  
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Golf—SMCC at Riviera CC 1 p.m.  
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# Swim Team Faces Falcons for Crown

By GARY LUTZ  
Assistant Sports Editor

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Getting sharper and tougher with every meet, Valley's powerful swim team can clinch the Metropolitan Conference swimming crown tomorrow with a win over the Falcons of Cerritos College.

At present the Monarchs have a perfect 4-0 conference record while the Falcons have suffered one crucial setback, which should assure the local squad of at least a tie for the crown should the worst come to pass.

However, Monarch swimming Coach Mike Wiley is confident about his team's chances against the Falcons and feels assured that the Lions can bring home the conference crown. Tomorrow's meet will be held at the San Fernando Valley State pool at 3:30 p.m.

## Win Over Corsairs

Last Friday, April 1, the local swimming squad traveled to a fog bound Santa Monica City College where they picked up their fourth conference victory in a row with a 69-25 victory over the Corsairs.

The Valley squad of Don McNeese, Chris Kaufman, Ralph Nelson and Alan Nitake won the first meet event, the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 4:04.9.

In the 200-yard freestyle the Mon-

STEVE DANIELSEN



## Volleyball Team Wins Two Contests

Valley's volleyball team has started to take its place among the top volleyball powers in the Southern California area.

During a one-week period, the local squad took first place in two tournaments, bringing new recognition to the team.

On Saturday, April 2, the Lion team took first place in the Pierce Invitational Tournament, topping 21 other teams which were on hand for the competition.

In their first match, the Lion team beat the Valley State squad, 15-6, 15-1. The West Side Jewish Center team went down to defeat, 15-4, 9-5.

The local squad then beat the New Beats, 15-12, 16-14. In the final two matches, the Valleyites beat the Los Angeles YMCA squad, 15-10, 15-9 and 15-7, 15-10.

Monarch volleyballer John Hindenach was voted the most outstanding player in the tournament. According to Coach Tim Stephens, Hindenach is considered one of the best volleyball prospects on the collegiate scene and is a likely candidate for the Olympic squad.

Last Saturday, April 8, the Valley squad picked up its second first place in eight days as they won the Valley Invitational Volleyball Tournament held on the local campus.

The first match saw the Monarchs get the better of the Santa Monica High School team, 15-10, 15-2.

The second and third matches saw the West Side Jewish Center and Santa Barbara YMCA teams fall. The final and deciding match was a return with the West Side Jewish Center squad which saw the Lions come out on top in two out of three games.

Valley's winning squad includes John Hindenach, Bill Farah, Gary

Robbins, Phil Bruder, Jack Savage, Ed Chevalier and Limon Alney.

Tomorrow the local squad will be competing in the Far West Tournament in Oakland which will determine the best teams in West Coast competition.

## Valley College Golfer Out For Revenge Over Lancers

Revenge will be the theme for this week's golf matches as Coach Charles Mann's golf team faces Pasadena City College at Encino Golf Course and Santa Monica City College at Riviera Country Club.

In the first round of play, the Monarchs were defeated by both of these teams. However, neither of the defeats were by an overwhelming score, and Coach Mann is hopeful about both the upcoming matches.

During the Easter vacation, Valley sent two representatives, Corky Bassler and Rich Carr, to the Rio Hondo Golf Course to participate in the tournament held for junior colleges in the Southern California area.

### Two Trophies

After two days and 36 holes of golf, Valley's representatives emerged with two trophies.

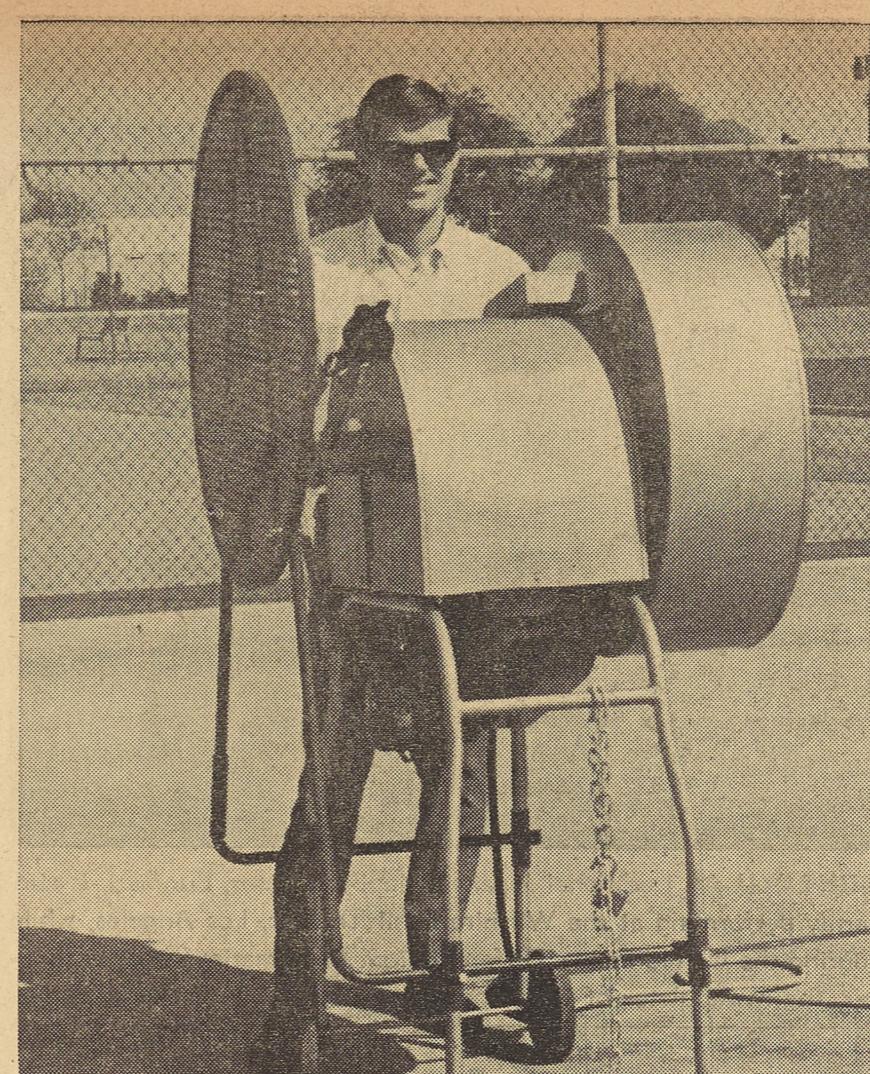
Bassler was awarded a trophy for second place in the entire tournament. First place went to Gary Hitch of Ventura College who scored 147 for the 36 holes. Bassler was two strokes behind with 149.

The second trophy was for team play where Valley took third. Ventura College and San Diego College tied for first in the tournament with 304 strokes for 36 holes. The third place Monarch team scored 307.



**BADMINTON TEAM**—Members of the Valley College Women's Athletic Association badminton team are, left to right, Mary Giannotti, Sandra Cook, Sharon DeWees, Glenna Alderman and Janet Parker.

The team has been competing in various local tournaments and Miss Parker recently placed second in the Southern California Badminton Tournament Singles Championship.



**TENNIS PLAYER'S FRIEND**—Valley Coach Tim Stephens stands behind the "Ball Boy," Valley's tennis machine which is used by the coaches for tennis instruction and for warming up members of the tennis team.

—Valley Star Photo by Roger Pondel

## 'Ball Boy'

## Automatic Opponent

When tennis was invented back in the Middle Ages, it was generally considered a sport for at least two people. With times changing and automation taking over, tennis can now be played solo.

Solo, indeed, but the tennis star still must have an opponent to play against. That's where the 140-pound "Ball Boy" comes in.

The "Ball Boy" is similar to baseball's "Iron Mike." It can be set up anywhere, although it's advisable not to practice with it in your room. This machine can be set to any height, length or speed and can duplicate any shot in the game, from a high lob to an overhand smash.

Almost every school has one and all tennis clubs carry one. Its capacity is 98 tennis balls, which can be set to go off at five or eight second intervals (720 per hour). Valley College Tennis Coach Al Hunt says, "The machine carries a lot of motion, and is good for teaching beginners and especially in group instruction."

Three men on the Monarch team tied for medalist of the day. Carr, Widmar and Lillywhite all scored 75. Cooper was close behind with a 78.

Players on the tennis team use it to warm up, but they really prefer to practice with other tennis stars who

## Janet Parker Places Second At Badminton Tournament

Even the hottest March 31 in recorded Los Angeles history didn't stop the 108 entries vying for the Women's Southern California Badminton Tournament Singles Championship.

Heat and exhaustion plagued the players in their trips between the gymnasiums and field house here on campus. In spite of the heat, Los Angeles Valley College picked up the second place singles title.

Downing Miss Gannotti in two sets, 12-10 and 12-11, she advanced to the final's competition when she defeated Carroll Cox of Pierce College, 11-6, 11-9.

After six hours of play, Miss Parker finally reached the finals match where she played against Linda Williams from Long Beach City College.

Miss Williams, the only entry from the beach city, proved a good representative, as she scored easy victories, 11-0, 11-1.

Miss Gannotti had wins over entries from Cerritos College, Los Angeles Harbor College, Fullerton College and Pasadena City College. Miss Gannotti is ranked third on the women's badminton team.

Karen Landes, second ranked player on the team, was eliminated when she lost her third match to an entry from Fullerton College.

Other Valley singles players participating included Sandy Cook, Claudia Park, Glenna Alderman, Sharon De Wees, Carol Heaston, Valerie Reynolds and Robin Nixon.

Miss Cook and Miss Park advanced as far as the third match, losing to Fullerton and Orange Coast College, respectively.

Of the nine doubles teams representing Valley in the second day of the tournament, two teams won first and second place in the consolation bracket. The team of Miss Alderman and Miss Cook won the first place trophy, while the other Valley team of Miss Gannotti and Miss De Wees captured second. In the A division of the doubles play, an entry from Mt. San Antonio College took first, with the entry from Fullerton taking second.

## VALLEY STAR

# Monarch Racketmen Earn Tourney Crown

By BEN KALE  
Staff Writer

It doesn't seem hospitable for the host team to run off with all the awards, but nevertheless that's just about what happened last week at the Los Angeles Valley Invitational Tennis Tourney.

Coach Al Hunt's Monarchs took the winner's trophy for second, third and fifth singles plus first and third doubles, to completely outclass the other participating teams.

Valley came out on top in the scoring column, piling up 26 points. Following the champs were the El Camino Warriors with 22 points and third place finisher Ventura College with 20.

In second singles Rich Berman gave the Green and Gold their first trophy by walloping four opponents. Berman started his conquests with a 6-0, 6-0 shutout over Terry Williams of Mt. SAC and then over-powered Ventura's Jim Webber 6-1, 7-5. Berman's serve was working to perfection and his forehand was used masterfully.

In the semifinals, Berman again utilized his deadly serve, chalked up a 6-3, 6-1 conquest over Mark Wesselock of Citrus. In the match for the title, Berman again proved the aggressor, by running to a 6-2, 6-3 win over Greg York from El Camino.

Al Bernstein, returning letterman, proved the most convincing of all the kingpins, by sweeping four matches to cop his trophy. Bernstein lost only eight games and was close to infallible in his final victory, a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over Ventura's Bruce Ingram.

### Top Doubles

Berman and Bernstein then teamed to form the top doubles team of the tournament. Taking the victory stand for the second time, both Monarchs played well as could be expected, considering they have only played as a team once before. Glen Berk and York of El Camino provided the opposition for the championship match, but proved no competition for the Lion duo, as they bit the dust 6-3, 7-5.

Fifth singles was the toughest round of the day as Brian Saffian needed 3 sets to win his crown. Saffian used the net to his advantage, while knocking off John Falconer from Grossmont, 1-6, 7-5, 8-6. To reach the finals, Saffian played another two long sets to defeat Jim

Naylor of Ventura 10-8, 7-5.

Erwin Wolf, another member of Coach Hunt's aces, didn't take the first place ribbon, but did manage to score a fourth for his efforts. Wolf, an all-city high school star, made it to the semi finals, but lost to Brian Cox, the eventual second place finisher.

Saffian and Wolf combined in third doubles and scored another victory for the hometown netters. Saffian's play at the nets and Wolf's placements proved the decisive factor in the victory over Ventura's duo of Jim Nayler-John Hanes.

Jon Jannotta, playing sixth singles, reached the round of four, but then was stopped by Pete Decsy of El Camino. First man Bill Rombeau became ill and was forced to default his matches.

Second doubles, Bob Heiser and Jannotta, scored heavily by reaching the semi finals, but their victories ended there, as they were edged 11-9, 7-5 to the eventual victors Gary Osgood and Jerry Barstow of San Diego Grossmont.

### Metro Action

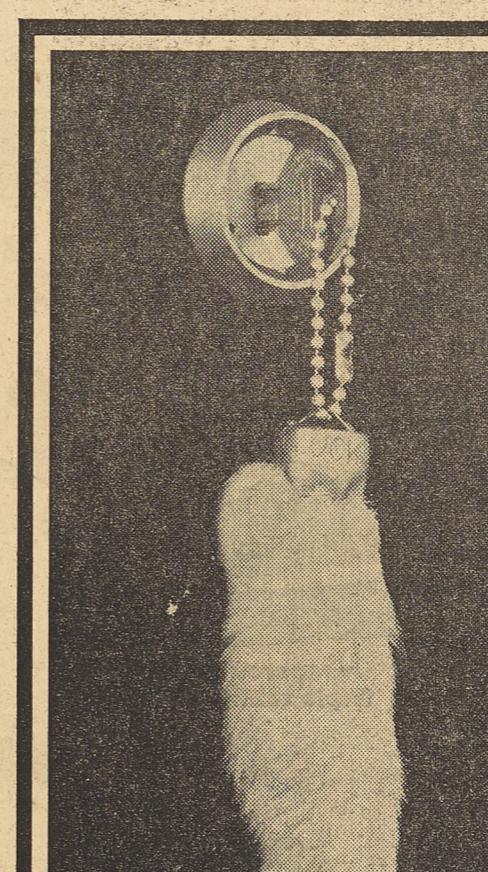
In last week's Metro net action, the Monarchs maintained their first place standing, by knocking off Santa Monica City College 7-2 and the Renegades 9-0. Valley's season record now stands at 16-2-1.

The Santa Monica contest featured the top two doubles teams in the conference. The Pirates tandem of Jeff Carter and Vic Gedudas, previously beaten only once in J.C. competition, lost to Rombeau-Carter for the second time 6-2, 6-4. Outstanding prospects for all conference honors, Berman and Rombeau have not yet been beaten in league competition. The other two doubles matches were halted because of fog.

In the Renegades encounter Lion victories came easy. Bernstein led the command, chalking up a 6-0, 6-4 win over Jim Raney.

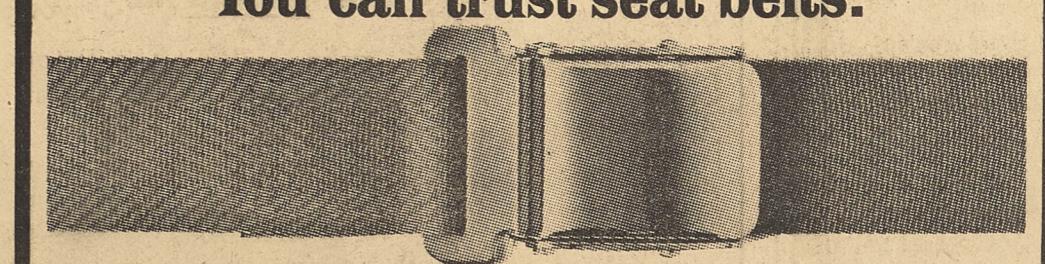
### Intramurals

Spring '66 intramural action will be highlighted by softball which begins today at 11 a.m. on the physical education softball area. Intramural Director Ray Follosco met with team managers Tuesday to discuss the forthcoming season. Teams that compete must have a minimum of 9 players and a maximum of 12 participants.

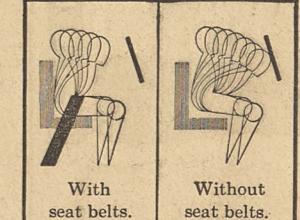


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# 'Live' Court Case Treats Audiences

By SHEL ERLICH  
Staff Writer

At a time when many make-believe courtroom dramas are screened and staged for viewing audiences as an attempt to show "reality," it is rare and refreshing to watch an account of an honest-to-goodness legal battle.

Thus, the lead chapter of Louis Nizer's "My Life in Court" is brought into brilliant focus with the current run of "A Case of Libel" at the Player's Ring Gallery in Hollywood, and a gallery it surely becomes. The intimacy of this particular theater-in-the-round setting suggests a remarkable facsimile of the physical dimensions and the atmosphere of a genuine courtroom.

To reduce the possibility of current unwelcome publicity for the participants in the then much-publicized libel suit, brought by author and war correspondent Quentin Reynolds against Hearst papers columnist Westbrook Pegler in the early 1950s, playwright Henry Denker has written a fictionalized, but wholly accurate account of the trial, as presented by Nizer, an internationally known legal counselor.

Lloyd Gough portrays Robert Sloane (Nizer himself) in the lead role as the watchful, cautious, sharp-tongued lawyer who takes the case to prove legally that a columnist and a newspaper's freedom of speech must be tempered by a sense of responsibility and an obligation to print only the truth.

#### Corcoran Violent

Dennis Corcoran (Reynolds), played by Mark Webster, is violently and understandably upset when Boyd Bendix (Pegler) writes a column maliciously charging Corcoran, in very colorful language, with cowardice, war profiteering, public nudism and following the Communist line.

Lee Marmer plays a very convincing role as Mrs. Corcoran. Her deep anguish over the prospect of the defamation of her husband's reputation even causes her to plead privately with Bendix to stop his written torments, and in speaking to him, she almost succeeds in upsetting the case before it comes to trial.

Bendix, played by Robert Terry, is mustached and bearded and pompous, as a proper villain should be. The immorality of his published lies, the extremist, right-wing Red-hunting color of his printed "opinions," seem to have no adverse offset on his similar lying under oath, until, bit by bit, Sloane picks his testimony apart and grinds it into the court record.

#### Emphasis Guilt

Bendix finally emphasizes his own guilt by not appearing for Sloane's summation to the jury, and Sloane eloquently capitalizes on the liberator's absence; Bendix's empty chair becomes a symbol of his enormous crime, even though, legally, the trial is not a criminal proceeding.

The best tribute to Terry's realistic acting is that Bendix received a

loud measure of "boos" when he took his bows.

Sloane's strategy throughout the trial was to present an impressive line-up of character witnesses for Dennis Corcoran.

This strategy not only bodes well for Corcoran's case, but also provides the audience with a glimpse of veteran character Clell Porter, who plays Colonel Douglas, a very proper, erect Scottish commando captain who testifies as to Corcoran's courage as a war correspondent during actual battle conditions.

Porter, complete with military uniform, swagger stick and a clipped vocal "purr" to add impact to his lines, is easily the most endearing minor actor in the play—his walk-off produced an immediate round of applause from the appreciative audience after the colonel completely bested Bendix's lawyer from the witness stand. The only other spectator applause came at the end of each act.

#### All Seats Good

Every seat in the Player's Ring is a good one. Spectators are seated either in the courtroom galleries or in the jury box. This effect is heightened as the Judge (Carl Hubert) solemnly explains difficult legal points to the viewers seated about 10 feet to his left and later cautions everyone in the theater, "I'll have this courtroom cleared!" after some particularly lascivious testimony brought a chorus of snickers and chuckles from the spectators.

Of necessity, a theater-in-the-round must have simple sets. Chairs, tables and two low, courtroom-like wooden dividers were the only props used. The inobtrusiveness of these objects, plus an imaginative use of overhead spotlights, keep the attention of the audience continually on the actors, and adds to the traditional "starkness" that is supposed to characterize courtroom drama.

But "A Case of Libel" goes far beyond the "entertainment" value of the usual courtroom drama. At the very least, it is an experience at jury duty, an opportunity to watch one of this country's best legal minds at work and a glimpse at a not-to-be-forgotten highlight in American social history.

#### Cafeteria Hours

The main Cafeteria is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The snack shop is open during the day from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and Monday through Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 9 p.m.



**BUNRAKU**—A traditional Japanese puppet theater, Bunraku, is currently performing at the Wilshire Ebell Theater, Los Angeles, while touring the United States. Different from the American puppet theater, the manipulator of the puppets is in full view of the audience.

## Auto Theft, Burglary Crimes Cut in Half

Valley students driving cars to school are less likely to have their vehicles stolen or broken into this semester than in previous terms, according to Samuel Alexander, assistant dean of students.

Beside an approximate 50 per cent drop in thefts and automobile burglaries, Alexander reported the number of campus traffic accidents is also declining this semester.

He attributed the improvement to "better communication with patrol cars." Dean Alexander said a master control unit has been installed in the Students Activities Office, B25, enabling immediate communication between the office and patrol cars at all times.

Referring to the number of reported cases of cars broken into, Alexander said the figure was down to 14 to date this semester. He said there has been only one stolen car case known to him, although other figures disclose an average theft of one car per month.

Alexander and other administration officials saw hope of further reducing accidents on campus when the Los Angeles Police Department this week announced officers will now come on campus to issue citations for violations as well as parking tickets.

Under California's Motor Vehicle

Code, city policemen are authorized to issue citations on college campuses, but until now the LAPD has restricted itself to parking violations.

Dean Alexander said, "City traffic officers will now issue citations for violations against speed limits and traffic rules established by the college for on-campus traffic."

"Tickets will be given impartially, affecting faculty members as well as students. This added help from city police officers is needed now that we have more than 4,000 vehicles on campus during the day."

The new policy of the Police Department will aid campus police, who cannot issue citations enforceable in the courts. Until this week, there have been only three officers on campus, one in the day and two at night, who could enforce traffic regulations with the courts to back them up.

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# Puppets Delight Parents, Too

By PAT DeGRAW  
Fine Arts Editor

Puppets are thought of as a delight to children, performed by artistic adults and sometimes enjoyed momentarily by the children's parents.

This week at the Wilshire Ebell Theater a puppet show has been performed which is unique not only in the beauty and artistry of its creators, but in the philosophy and intent of those performing.

It is called "Bunraku," and is it the traditional puppet theater of Japan. Bunraku is like the theater of puppets which we in the United States are accustomed to only in some aspects. The little people act out drama and comedy with human beings manipulating the actions from behind. The stage is set as in any play, and appropriate music accompanies the narrator. Each doll is beautifully made, dressed in costume for the period of the play and carrying appropriate props.

But here the resemblance ends. In Bunraku the manipulator is in full view of the audience. Dressed in black and moving with economy and exactness, these men are the muscle of the superb puppets. The main manipulator wears no mask, but the assistants are draped completely in black.

As a samisen (a Japanese stringed instrument) plays, a narrator, called a joruri, speaks for the puppets. Sometimes there will be two or three narrators.

Performances of the puppets themselves are as varied and colorful as life itself. Wiping away a tear, screaming in anger, filling a pipe, laying down in bed... all done with the grace of the human body in action. One puppet desembarks from a rowboat and whips out a handkerchief and pats away perspiration from his brow.

It is said of the Japanese tea-serving ceremony that no movement is wasted. The same significance can be given the movement of the puppets and their manipulators. At first the dark figures are strange to Western eyes. Constantly aware of their presence, the American audience is fascinated by the deft and clever actions these puppets and form. After the first wonder rubs off and the strangeness of the visi-

ble puppeteer lessens, the story and actions of the puppets alone entrances the audience.

Gradually the audience accepts the manipulators. They seem to work with the puppets they control. Sometimes, as when one of the dolls whips away the sleeve of his kimono, he almost acknowledges the man behind him. In the dwarfed world in which the puppets move, the men are fates, winds of chance which make men move, act and react to life.

Onstage as the drama or comedy progresses, poses are struck, sometimes real life poses, sometimes frozen and immobile like a fine Japanese wood-cut print.

In one scene, during the first of the three plays called "The General's Daughter" an enraged father finds out his daughter has become a prostitute in order to help him in his old age. The father turns from his daughter and she grabs his walking stick to draw him to her.

The scene evoked is as perfect in composition and design as in any well executed painting.

Only one aspect of the performance distracted. The entire performance was in Japanese. Though briefly described in the program and prior to each performance, the plot

and story line were not completely enjoyed by the audience. Had a translation been offered, perhaps even a complete narration in English, the audience might have been able to become more involved in the performance per se, rather than expecting tricks and applauding special effects.

All in all, however, the evening was well spent and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. A glimpse into another culture, as rich and varied as our own, combined with the superb artistry of general manager Masahiko Imai and his company, was great entertainment.

#### Draft Test Begins

Applications are now available for the Selective Service Qualification Test. All students interested in taking the Qualification Test are urged to secure applications in AD126 and at the two information counters in the Administration Building. The deadline for applications is midnight April 23. The test will be given May 14 and 21 only. Future information will be the Star as soon as it is available.

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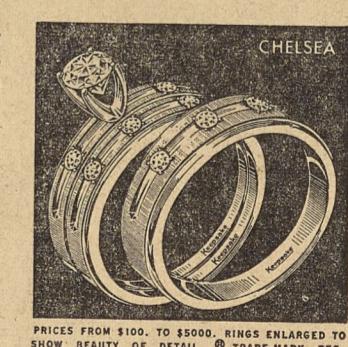
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